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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARYHonorable Robert S. Walker  
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Dear Congressman Walker:

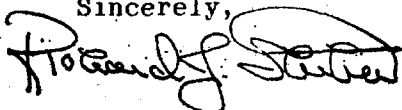
This is in reply to your letter of March 18, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben

Chief, Land Mobile &amp; Microwave Division

# Congressional

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March 18, 1993

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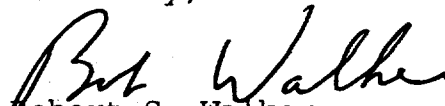
Dear Mr. Quello:

I am writing to you on behalf of two of my constituents who have enlisted my assistance.

It is my understanding that they are quite concerned about the effects of PR Docket 92-235 on model airplane use. Accordingly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my interest on behalf of my constituents and to request that their concerns be reviewed as expeditiously as possible.

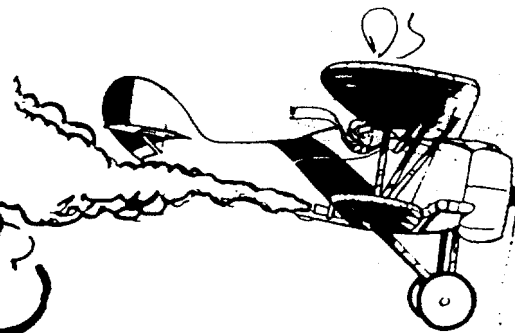
Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. I will look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity.

Cordially,

  
Robert S. Walker

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Honorable Robert S. Walker  
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Dear Mr. Walker,

We as an organized Radio Control aircraft club, are extremely concerned about the proposed rules change the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has on Docket 92-235. If adopted, this change will drastically limit the useability of radio frequencies now assigned for model aircraft use. Accidents caused by radio interference to aircraft will become epidemic. Public safety is at stake here. The FCC being the nation's foremost authority on radio matter should realize this.

The proposal is to create more mobile land frequencies. These mobile frequencies will be very close to the radio control aircraft ones and more powerful. They can interfere anywhere and anytime. The FCC wants to reduce us from 50 to 19 frequencies. This will congest the frequencies available, causing increased risk.

Our model aircraft are expensive to build and we do not wish to have them destroyed. Some models have a nine (9) foot wingspan and can weigh as much as forty (40) pounds. Operator safety precautions have kept accidents very low, but radio interference can render their efforts ineffective, sending the model out of control. Our organized meets often have hundreds of participants and spectators. Someone could be hurt or killed as a result of this FCC change. We must retain the radio frequencies now in use to assure safe operations.

Our hobby provides wholesome enjoyment for people of all ages and walks of life. It contributes to the advancement of aviation industry by attracting young people to a career or trade in that field. This FCC change will help to discourage that.

Please do not allow the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. Our 42 members stand to lose considerably.

Sincerely, officers of  
Cloud Kings R/C club-

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February 26, 1993

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The Honorable Robert Walker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Walker:

I am a Doctor and enjoy spending some of my sparetime building and flying radio controlled airplanes. My interest in aviation stems from years I spent flying full size aircraft with my father. My flying now involves primarily RC gliders which range in wing spans of 43 inches to 13 feet.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that some scale gliders have wingspans up to 20 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property

damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James R. Schemm".

JAMES R. SCHEMM, D.C.